

# CAMBERWELL & PECKHAM GREEN NEWS

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## VOTE FOR INDEPENDENT GREEN VOICES

### RESIDENTS IN THIS AREA HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A CHANGE

You have a chance to elect an independent voice on to Southwark Council on Thursday 3 May at the local elections.

Southwark Council suffers from a lack of opposition. Labour Party councillors have pushed through the demolition of hundreds of council homes on the Heygate and Aylesbury estates, selling the land to private developers. The Green Party opposes the sale of public property for private gain. We will protect council homes and invest in building genuinely affordable homes.

At the moment, there are no Greens on Southwark

Council. Next door, Lambeth and Lewisham have Green councillors – so why not us? Residents get a better deal when councils include different voices. The Electoral Reform Society has shown that people living in areas ruled by ‘one-party councils’ miss out on savings of around **£2.6 billion a year!**

In this area, the Green Party is the real alternative – we came 2nd here in 2014. You have the power to elect Green councillors to serve the whole of Southwark.

[www.southwarkgreenparty.org.uk/abetterdeal](http://www.southwarkgreenparty.org.uk/abetterdeal)

## ELECT ELEANOR

*“I’ve lived in this area for more than 15 years. I have a proven record of getting things done, from raising £50,000 to create a community garden to running a citizen science project on air pollution. As your councillor, I will work for a healthy environment for us all by cutting air pollution and putting safety first on our streets. I will work for easy, effective recycling that doesn’t clutter pavements. I will support more investment in youth services and better communication with residents. With an eye for detail, I will hold Southwark to account.”*



Eleanor speaking up for local residents

## WHO WORKS HARDER FOR YOU? YOU DECIDE

### GREENS TAKING DIRECT ACTION TO IMPROVE OUR AREA



- Some of the work Green activists have done locally:
- put up air pollution monitors near schools in Peckham, Camberwell and Dulwich
  - petitioned the Mayor for cleaner buses through our area
  - run a free Travel Clinic at Brunswick Park summer fete
  - reported flytipping, water

- leaks, abandoned bikes and damaged trees
- planted a pollution screen round a school playground
- asked the Mayor to challenge the council’s plans to demolish Peckham Arch – we want it to stay.

## SOUTHWARK’S CONSULTATION SHAM

### WHY DO COUNCILLORS IGNORE RESIDENTS’ VIEWS?

Last year, Southwark Council ran a consultation on its proposed ‘Southwark Spine’ cycle route. Local people and road safety experts said the designs would make **cycling more dangerous**, especially around Bellenden Road. In fact, 63% of people who replied opposed it. But just before the election was called, **one of the Labour councillors for this area**, Ian Wingfield, signed off the scheme. Eleanor says, “This makes a mockery of the idea of consultation. The Southwark Spine was meant to make **cycling safe for all ages**, from 8-80. Hundreds of people took the time to write in with their concerns. I can’t believe Cllr Wingfield has ignored us all. I will listen to residents and fight for a better scheme that reduces motor traffic and is safer for everyone.”

Overall the respondents did not support the scheme, with 63% not in favour, and 28% in favour. A more detailed breakdown can be seen in the draft consultation

Screenshot from council report <https://consultations.southwark.gov.uk/>

## HELPLINE NO HELP

### LEFT OUT IN THE COLD BY SOUTHWARK

Homes on the D’Eynsford Estate in Camberwell were left without any heating for days in freezing weather earlier this year.

What really upset residents was that **no one answered the emergency helpline** at Southwark Council. One resident reported that only when they took to social media did they get a response. The council demonstrated little care for the **many elderly people living here on their own.**

“Reassurance, information about the repair schedule, and practical action like the loan of a portable heater is the minimum tenants should expect,” said Paula Orr. The council’s communication with Southwark residents must improve.

Greens can win here. In the 2014 local elections, the Green Party took second place in this ward.



Lib Dems and Conservatives can’t win here



## CONTACT US



We’d love to hear from you!  
– Eleanor, Paula and Susie

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## USEFUL LINKS

Protect yourself from air pollution – advice for parents, commuters and older people:  
[breathelondon.org](http://breathelondon.org)

We oppose plans for tall towers and overdevelopment around Burgess Park  
[southwarkgreenparty.org.uk/camberwell\\_union](http://southwarkgreenparty.org.uk/camberwell_union)

If you’d like to help, drop us a line  
[contact@southwark.greenparty.org.uk](mailto:contact@southwark.greenparty.org.uk)

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## ELEANOR, PAULA AND SUSIE: WORKING FOR CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM